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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the referenced application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Insert the following paragraph on page 1 after the title:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/640,097, filed August 15, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/202,251, filed December 10, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,150,380, issued November 21, 2000, which is a 371 of PCT/SE98/02028, filed November 10, 1998.--

## REMARKS

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-14 are pending. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-14 are directed to patentable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants request allowance of the claims.

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